

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

determining, by a computing device, at the configuration of a system of resources;  
determining, by the computing device, the processing requirements of an application running on the system of resources utilizing an application characterization database; analyzing, by the computing device, the determined configuration and requirements in order to attempt to optimize the performance of the application; generating, by the computing device, optimization suggestions from the analysis;

and

dynamically causing applying, by the computing device, applying of the optimization suggestions;

wherein the application characterization database includes:

a static application characterization database storing information regarding fixed characteristics of the application; and

a dynamic application characterization database storing information regarding mutable characteristics of the application, wherein the dynamic application characterization database is empty at initialization of the application characterization database and is gradually established as the application is executed.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein dynamically causing applying of the optimization suggestions includes:

dynamically causing allocating, by the computing device, allocating of resources to the execution of and interaction with the application; and

dynamically causing utilizing, by the computing device, utilizing of acceleration tools.

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein dynamically causing utilizing acceleration tools includes causing utilizing tools selected from a group including:

primitive performance libraries;  
managed runtime optimization settings; and  
reordering portions of application execution.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the determining at the configuration of a system of resources includes utilizing a device and environment characterization database.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the device database includes information regarding the types of resources in the system of resources and information regarding the physical capabilities of these resources.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the environment database includes information regarding the configuration, substantially current status, and substantially current capacity of the resources within the system of resources.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein device and environment characterization database is incrementally generated as each of the resources of the system of resources is powered-on.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein the device and environment characterization database is dynamically generated utilizing a service including:

collecting, by the computing device, data from sensors coupled with the resources;  
analyzing, by the computing device, the data collected;  
inferring, by the computing device, an execution context characterization;  
estimating, by the computing device, the capacity of each resource; and  
updating, by the computing device, the device and environment characterization database.

9.-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein generation of the static application characterization database comprising is generated utilizing:

determining, by the computing device by at the application's compile time, the data types utilized by the application;

determining, by the computing device at by the application's compile time, the frequency of the usage of the data types;

determining, by the computing device at by the application's compile time, the resource required by the application; and

updating, by the computing device, the static application characterization database with the determined information.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein generation of the dynamic application characterization database comprising is generated utilizing:

reading, by the computing device, the static application characterization database;

collecting, by the computing device, runtime application data usage;

analyzing, by the computing device, application usage and identifying resource usage bottlenecks;

updating, by the computing device, the dynamic application characterization database.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, further including:

predicting, by the computing device, application performance after causing applying the suggested optimizations;

monitoring, by the computing device, the actual application performance to generate empirical data;

comparing, by the computing device, the actual application performance to the predicted performance;

performing the method of claim 1, and utilizing, by the computing device, the empirical data when during the analyzing the determined configuration and requirements in order to attempt to optimize the performance of the application.

14.-29. (Cancelled)

30. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

~~an application;~~

~~a system of resources capable of configured to executing and interacting with~~  
~~an the application;~~

~~a processor;~~

~~a Dynamic Application Optimizer, operated by the processor, and configured to~~  
~~capable of attempting to dynamically optimize the performance of the application;~~

~~a Device & Environment Database capable of providing information to the~~  
~~Dynamic Application Optimizer about the system of resources; and~~

~~an Application Characterization Database capable of providing information to the~~  
~~Dynamic Application Optimizer about the distributed application, wherein the Application~~  
~~Characterization Database includes:~~

~~a static application characterization database storing information regarding fixed~~  
~~characteristics of the application; and~~

~~a dynamic application characterization database storing information regarding~~  
~~mutable characteristics of the application, wherein the dynamic application characterization~~  
~~database is empty at initialization of the application characterization database and is gradually~~  
~~established as the application is executed.~~

31. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 30, wherein the Dynamic Application Optimizer is ~~capable of configured to~~:

~~determining determine the a configuration of a system of resources utilizing the~~  
~~Device & Environment Database;~~

~~determining determine the processing requirements of an application running on~~  
~~the system of resources utilizing the Application Characterization Database;~~

~~analyzing analyze the determined configuration and requirements in order to~~  
~~attempt to optimize the performance of the application;~~

~~generating generate optimization suggestions from the analysis; and~~

dynamically causing applying of the optimization suggestions.

32. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 31, wherein the Dynamic Application Optimizer is further capable ofconfigured to:

predicting-predict application performance after applying the suggested optimizations;

monitoring the actual application performance to generate empirical data;

comparing compare the actual application performance to the predicted performance; and

utilizing utilize the empirical data to attempt improve application performance.

33. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 32, wherein the Dynamic Application Optimizer is capable ofconfigured to cause applying the optimization suggestions by:

dynamically causing allocating portions of the system of resources to the execution of and interaction with the application; and

dynamically causing utilizing acceleration tools;

wherein the acceleration tools are selected from a group including:

primitive performance libraries;

managed runtime optimization settings; and

reordering portions of the application execution.

34. (Original) The system of claim 32, wherein the Device & Environment Database includes:

a device portion having information regarding the types of resources in the system of resources and information regarding the physical capabilities of these resources; and

an environment portion having information regarding the configuration, substantially current status, and substantially current capacity of the resources within the system of resources.

35. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 32, wherein the Device & Environment Database is capable of being dynamically generated by:

collecting data from sensors coupled with the resources;  
analyzing the data collected;  
inferring an execution context characterization;  
estimating the capacity of each resource; and  
updating the device and environment characterization database.

36. (Cancelled)

37. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 3635, wherein the static application characterization database is generated utilizing by:

determining, by at the application's compile time, the data types utilized by the application;  
determining, at by the application's compile time, the frequency of the usage of the data types;  
determining, at by the application's compile time, the resource required by the application; and  
updating the static application characterization database with the determined information.

38. (Currently amended) The system of claim 37, wherein the dynamic application characterization database is generated by utilizing:

reading the static application characterization database;  
collecting runtime application data usage;  
analyzing application usage and identifying resource usage bottlenecks;  
updating the dynamic application characterization database.

39. (Original) The system of claim 37, wherein the system of resources includes a plurality of hardware architectures; and  
the application is a distributed application.

40. (Original) The system of claim 39, wherein the system of resources includes the Dynamic Application Optimizer.

41. (Currently Amended) An article comprising:

a computer readable storage media; and

a plurality of instructions stored on the computer readable storage media and,

configured to enable a machine to perform:

~~a storage medium having a plurality of machine accessible instructions, wherein when the instructions are executed, the instructions provide for:~~

~~determining the-a configuration of a system of resources;~~

~~determining the-processing requirements of an application running on the system of resources utilizing an application characterization database;~~

~~analyzing the determined configuration and requirements in order to attempt to optimize the performance of the application;~~

~~generating optimization suggestions from the analysis; and~~

~~dynamically causing applying of the optimization suggestions;-~~

wherein the application characterization database includes:

a static application characterization database storing information regarding fixed characteristics of the application; and

a dynamic application characterization database storing information regarding mutable characteristics of the application, wherein the dynamic application characterization database is empty at initialization of the application characterization database and is gradually established as the application is executed.

42.(Currently Amended) The article of claim 41, wherein the ~~instructions providing for dynamically causing applying the optimization suggestions includes instructions providing for:~~

~~dynamically causing allocating of resources to the execution of and interaction with the application; and~~

~~dynamically causing utilizing of acceleration tools.~~

43.(Currently Amended) The article of claim 42, wherein the ~~instructions providing for~~  
dynamically causing utilizing of acceleration tools ~~includes instructions providing for utilizing~~  
tools selected from a group including:

primitive performance libraries;  
managed runtime optimization settings; and  
reordering portions of application execution.

44. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 41, wherein the ~~instructions providing for~~  
determining atthe configuration of a system of resources includes ~~instructions providing for~~  
utilizing a device and environment characterization database.

45. (Original) The article of claim 44, wherein the device database includes information  
regarding the types of resources in the system of resources and information regarding the  
physical capabilities of these resources.

46. (Original) The article of claim 45, wherein the environment database includes  
information regarding the configuration, substantially current status, and substantially current  
capacity of the resources within the system of resources.

47. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 46, wherein ~~the article includes~~  
~~instructions providing for~~ the instructions are further configured to enable the machine to  
perform incrementally generating the device and environment characterization database as each  
of the resources of the system of resources is powered-on.

48. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 44, wherein the instructions are further  
configured to enable the machine to perform~~providing for~~ dynamically generating the device and  
environment characterization database ~~to be dynamically generated~~utilizing a service including  
instructions providing for:

collecting data from sensors coupled with the resources;  
analyzing the data collected;  
inferring an execution context characterization;

estimating the capacity of each resource; and  
updating the device and environment characterization database.

49.-50. (Cancelled)

51. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 5041, wherein the instructions providing are further configured to enable the machine to perform for the static application characterization database include instructions providing for the database's generation generating the static application characterization database byutilizing:

determining, by-at the application's compile time, the data types utilized by the application;

determining, atby the application's compile time, the frequency of the usage of the data types;

determining, by-at the application's compile time, the resource required by the application; and

updating the static application characterization database with the determined information.

52. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 51, wherein the instructions providing for the dynamic application characterization database include instructions providing for generating the databaseare further configured to enable the machine to perform generating the dynamic application characterization database byutilizing:

reading the static application characterization database;

collecting runtime application data usage;

analyzing application usage and identifying resource usage bottlenecks;

updating the dynamic application characterization database.

53. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 5041, further includingthe instructions providing for are further configured to enable the machine to perform:

predicting application performance after applying the suggested optimizations;

monitoring the actual application performance to generate empirical data;

comparing the actual application performance to the predicted performance;  
~~performing the method of claim 1, and utilizing the empirical data when during~~  
the analyzing the determined configuration and requirements in order to attempt to optimize the performance of the application.

54. - 67. (Cancelled)